Overseas Development Administration Assistance

1863. SHRIMATI SARADA TADIPARTHI :
DR. M. JAGANNATH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether difference between the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) have delayed poverty alleviation Programme in State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of slums/towns proposed to be covered under the programme and the amount proposed to be spent, component-wise; and

(d) the time by which the programme is likely to start and end ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has forwarded a project proposal covering 23 district headquarters, towns and fast growing urban centres extending the benefit to 1016 slums for assisting 2,80,786 slum families and covering about 14,55,000 slums population at an estimated cost of Rs. 225 crores for assistance from Overseas Development Administration (UK). The project proposal was subsequently revised by the State Government to cover 32 Class-I towns of the State. ODA has suggested for taking up a pilot project in half-a-dozen towns, whereas Government of India wants to cover 32 Class-I towns simultaneously.

(d) The Programme schedule to commencement and completion are yet to be finalised.

Pilferage of Petrol

1864. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have information of the extend of pilferage of petrol from the oil storage depots and while being transported from the depots to the petrol pumps during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such pilferages ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) Some cases of thefts from oil storage depots and shortages of petrol at petrol pumps have been reported during the last three years. In cases where shortages are noticed on receipt of petrol at petrol pumps, equivalent amounts are recovered from the concerned transporters.

(c) In order to prevent pilferages at oil storage depots and while being transported to petrol pumps, steps such as proper accounting of products at storage points, filling of tank lorries through PD meters, use of tamper-proof seals in tank lorries, surprise checks of tank lorries, etc. are taken.

Action is taken against the erring transporters under the Industry Guidelines on Transport Discipline.

Food Processing Courses

1865. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) total number of seats for Food Processing and other courses in C.F.T.R.I., Mysore;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the intake of Food Processing and other courses to help more persons to get the training;

(c) whether the University of Myosre is awarding degrees to the courses conducted by C.F.T.R.I.;

(d) whether the Government propose to declare it as a Deemed University and allow the above Institute to confer degrees; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI. YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) There are a total 50 seats in two courses having 25 seats each for M.Sc. (Food Technology) and Certificate Course in Flour Milling Technology at CFTRI, Mysore.

(b) There is, at present, no such proposal.

(c) The degree for M.Sc. (Food Technology) is awarded by the Mysore University.

(d) The present arrangement with University of Mysore is working well.

(e) Does not arise.

Water Shortage

1866. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :
SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :
SHRI VIJAY HARISHCANDRA PATEL :
SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Acute water shortage in Saurastra District" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated December 25, 1996;